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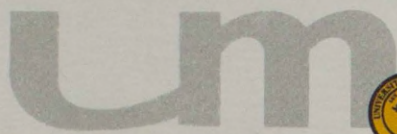
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MELVIN BELLI TO SPEAK
AT U OF MONTANA
DURING LAW WEEKEND

MISSOULA---

Melvin M. Belli, a well known attorney from California, will be one of several speakers featured at the University of Montana during Law Weekend April 25-26.

Belli, who is author of a number of books, including "Medical Malpractice" and "Ready for the Plaintiff," will discuss the civil side of products liability from 9 a.m. to noon April 26 as one portion of Continuing Legal Education--Montana (CLEM), a law study and review program co-sponsored by the UM School of Law and the Montana Bar Association.

Formal sessions during Law Weekend will be in the Yellowstone Room of the UM Lodge, the former student union on campus. A luncheon is slated for noon April 25 in the Five Valleys Room of the University Center, the new student facility.

Robert E. Sullivan, UM law dean, said the upcoming CLEM program "is a departure from other CLEM programs because we are going to deal with more than one subject from a legal standpoint."

Sullivan said products liability will be a highlight of various discussions during the weekend, but three other items also are on the agenda, including Montana corporate law, the state's judicial system and the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act.

The UM dean said lawyers and judges in the state are welcome to attend the CLEM sessions. A number of UM law school alumni are expected and several alumni reunions are planned. Registration fee is \$25. Those who wish may preregister by writing the UM School of Law in care of the University in Missoula.

Others scheduled to speak include Dean Sullivan and Donald J. Rapson, a practicing lawyer from Asbury Park, N.J. Rapson, author of numerous articles on the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and on product liability, was one of several men featured this winter during the CLEM program on the UCC, held at the Big Mountain Ski Resort, Whitefish, Mont.

Belli is a partner in the firm of Belli, Ashe, Ellison, Choulos, Cone & Harper, which was established in San Francisco in 1940 and in Los Angeles in 1958. Since 1951, the well known attorney has conducted the Belli Seminars on Law and since 1960 he has been president of Belli Foundation Lecturers.

The 61-year-old lawyer is listed in Who's Who in America and he is coauthor with Danny Jones of "Life and Law in Russia." Belli, who makes his home in San Francisco, received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of California in 1929 and 1933, respectively.

He is a member of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the San Francisco Bar Association and the American Judicature Society. He has been dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers since 1955.

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